



## Newsletter | Spring First Half Term 2019

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### Coats, bags and belongings for the winter

Please ensure that your children come to school with suitable clothing such as coats, hats and gloves for play times and dinner times, and that your child has their name in **all** items. Can we also please remind you that the children only need to bring their book bag, PE kit and lunch bag/box into school with them – children should not bring in large bags or backpacks as there is not enough room to accommodate these on the pegs and they can fall on the floor which causes a hazard in the corridors and cloakrooms.

### Year 3 Skipping Festival

We would like to wish Year 3 good luck as they prepare to take on the Year 3 children from St Bede's, Our Lady Queen of Peace and St John Boste in a skipping competition on Thursday 14th February at St Robert's.

### Safer Internet Day 2019

Safer Internet Day will take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019, and this year the theme is '*Together for a better internet*'. Each class will be completing activities throughout the day to learn more and remind ourselves about this very important subject. More information can be found at [www.saferinternetday.org](http://www.saferinternetday.org).

### Mathletics and Spellodrome

The ICT room is available on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes from 12:00 until 12:20pm with Mrs Tate for any KS2 children who would like to practise their spellings or complete maths tasks. Children can also use their login details at home – each Friday the best performing class in Mathletics and Spellodrome win a special trophy to keep for the following week!

### Bikeability

The children from Year 5 will complete their Bikeability program from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Bikeability is government-recognised, practical and professional cycling training program, which is designed to teach the children to be safer, more skilled and more confident cyclists once they've taken part. Mr Morris will be sending out a more detailed letter closer to the time to let parents know what the children will need to take part in the program.

## Masses and Liturgies

Here are the dates for the upcoming Masses and Liturgies this half term. Everybody is welcome to join us at these celebrations, which are a huge part of our school life. The children really value the support of their friends and families, and love to see you all there.

Date	Celebration	Time	Location
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Family Mass	11:00 am	Our Lady's Church
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Year 5 Liturgy	9:15am	School Hall
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	School Mass led by Year 3	9:30am	Our Lady's Church
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 Liturgy	9:15am	School Hall
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Family Mass	11:00 am	Our Lady's Church
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Ash Wednesday	TBC	TBC
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Liturgy	9:15am	Year 4 Class
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Liturgy	9:15am	Year 2 Class
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception Class Liturgy	9:15am	School Hall
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Family Mass	11:00am	Our Lady's Church

## World Book Day 2019

World Book Day will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019, and we would once again love the children to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book.

## Friday breakfast club and Fit for Fun club

Please note that on a Friday morning, breakfast club starts in the hall at 7:45am while Fit for Fun starts at 8:00am. Therefore could those attending these activities please arrive no earlier than the specified time.

## Cancellations of upcoming after-school clubs

Please note that the following after school clubs will be cancelled on the following dates:

- Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January - Change for Life cancelled (Staff Training)
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February – SATs club cancelled
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Film Club, Choir and Football cancelled (Parents Evening)
- Wed 13<sup>th</sup> February - Gymnastics cancelled (Parents Evening).

Mrs Matthews will send home refunds for Football and Gymnastics sessions that are missed as a result.

Miss Unsworth will send home a letter with details about SATs club in the first week back after half term.

## **Chinese New Year school meal**

To celebrate the Chinese New Year (Year of the Pig), the school meals team will be delivering a Chinese themed menu on Tuesday 5th February.

The menu will include Singapore Treat (Sweet & Sour Pork), Chinese Chicken Chop Suey and Sizzling Vegetable Stir Fry, all served with a spring roll and choice of egg noodles, fried rice or chips and vegetables. Dessert will be a choice of Dragon Cake and Melon & Ice Cream.

## **Tempest**

Our school photographer will be in school on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March to take family group, siblings and individual photographs. Doors will open at 8 am for families with a child not at St Joseph's, all other sibling groups will be taken during the school day.

## **Important dates for your diary**

- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January – Family Mass at Our Lady's Church, 11:00am
- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Year 6 Science lesson at St Robert's
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Year 5 Liturgy in the School Hall, 9:15am
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day 2019
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February – NSPCC Assembly
- Tuesday 12 February – Parents' Evening
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Top Table Tuesday
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Mini Vinnies Second Hand Book Sale
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Parents' Evening
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Year 3 skipping competition at St Robert's
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February – House Treat
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Year 1 Liturgy in the School Hall, 9:15am
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February – RNLI water safety talks
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February – NSPCC workshops (Years 5 and 6)
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February – PTFA half term disco
- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Family Mass at Our Lady's Church, 11:00am
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Ash Wednesday
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day 2019
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Image Musical Theatre performing The Selfish Giant in school
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 class-based Lent liturgy
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 dance festival at St Robert's
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Comic Relief (activities TBC)
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 Bikeability day 1
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Year 2 class-based Lent liturgy
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 Bikeability day 2
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 Bikeability day 3
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Tempest Photographers in school
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Reception Class Mother's Day liturgy
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Top Table Tuesday
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April – An Invitation to Journey through Easter
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – RSPB Visiting Nursery/Reception
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Year 6 stations of the cross